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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AORG, ETEL, ITU (BERGERON, WILFRED A. JR.)
SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF U.S. CANDIDATE FOR ITU POST
IN TRINIDAD

REF: STATE 237452

1. REGRET THAT THERE IS NO WAY EMBASSY CAN "DISCRETELY"
ASCERTAIN REASON FOR GOTT'S DELAY IN APPROVING BERGERON
NOMINATION, INASMUCH AS SUCH MATTERS USUALLY SENT TO
CABINET FOR APPROVAL. ONLY LIKELY SOURCE OF INFORMATION
IS LOCAL UNDP OFFICE, WHICH WE RELUCTANT TO APPROACH SINCE
BOTH RESREP AND ASST. REP IN CHARGE OF TRINIDAD PROGRAMS
RECENTLY DEPARTED TRINIDAD AND HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPLACED.
ACTING RESREP IS N.S. SUBBAMARAN, AN INDIAN-BORN NATURALIZED
AUSTRALIAN, WHO PRESUMABLY HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ITU CONSULTANT NOW HERE.

2. JUDGING FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, LENGTHY DELAYS IN OBTAINING
GOTT CONCURRENCE TO UN ADVISOR NOMINATIONS ARE QUITE COMMON.
GOTT APPROVAL MAY BE DELAYED AT MOMENT DUE TO SUDDEN TRANSFER
OF PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING ALL
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE REQUESTS). MINISTRY ITSELF APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN DISBANDED, AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE MATTERS
ASSUMED BY PRIME MINISTER IN HIS ROLE AS MINISTER OF
FINANCE. THUS THERE MAY BE CONSIDERABLE DELAYS IN
HANDLING ALL MATTERS CONCERNED WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
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AND FOREIGN AID, AT LEAST UNTIL NEW BUREAUCRATIC

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MECHANISMS EVOLVE. FYI WE HAVE NO REASON TO THINK THAT GOTT MIGHT OBJECT TO SELECTION OF A U.S. NATIONAL, SINCE THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER PROJECT MANAGERS WHO ARE U.S. CITIZENS. (SITUATION HAS CHANGED MARKEDLY SINCE SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN GOTT ACTIVELY DISCOURAGED UN OFFICE'S NOMINATION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN ADVISORS.)

3. OCTOBER 7 IS LEGAL HOLIDAY IN TRINIDAD. IF DEPT. WISHES EMBASSY TO APPROACH UNDP OFFICE ABOUT STATUS OF BERGERON NOMINATION, PLEASE ADVISE BY PRIORITY CABLE AND WE WILL DO SO OCTOBER 8.RICH

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